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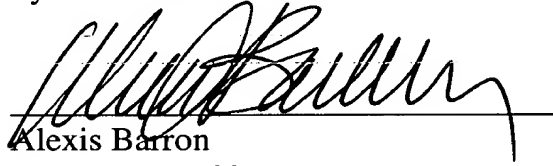
The status of the present application is that applicant is awaiting issuance by the Patent Office of a first Action on the merits.

This statement is filed pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The submission of the documents which accompany this Statement, as set forth on attached "Form PTO-1449 Modified", hereafter the "Form", is not necessarily a concession that such documents are prior art to the present invention or that the information in the documents is in an art area analogous to the present invention. Copies of the documents listed on the Form are submitted herewith.

The documents listed in the Form were cited by a British Examiner in an Examination Report dated August 21, 2001.

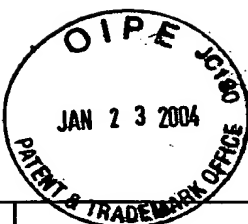
It is requested respectfully that the Examiner initial the Form and return a copy of same upon consideration of the documents.

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